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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTIPLEXING DATA STREAMS
USING TIME CONSTRAINTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2005, Applicants submit an RCE and the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper and include a replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
44 - 60 or HP = 0 x 50 = 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
6 - 4 or HP = 2 x 200 = 400

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

Fee (\$)	Small Entity
50	25
200	100
360	180

Multiple Dependent Claims

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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